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MORE STATES REFUSE VOTER DATA REQUEST

1 Maryland, Delaware and Louisiana on Monday joined a growing number of U.S. states that have refused to hand over voter data to a commission established by President Donald Trump to investigate possible voting fraud. More than 20 states, including Virginia, Kentucky, California, New York and Massachusetts, have declined to provide some or all of the information that the panel requested,



saying it was unnecessary and violated privacy. Republican Trump created the Presidential Advisory Commission on Election Integrity in May after making unsubstantiated claims that millions of people voted illegally for his Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, in last November's election.

N.KOREA TEST-LAUNCHES ICBM DAYS BEFORE G-20

2 North Korea said it successfully test-launched a first intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM), which analysts said could put all of the U.S. state of Alaska in range for the first time. Fox News and NBC said U.S. officials had told them they believed Tuesday's test was of an ICBM, marking a worrying milestone in Pyongyang's missile development. CNN quoted officials as saying

it was probably a two-stage ICBM. The launch, on the eve of Independence Day, took place days before leaders from the Group of 20 nations were due to discuss steps to rein in North Korea's weapons program, which it has pursued in defiance of United Nations Security Council sanctions. North Korea's state media said the launch was ordered and supervised by leader Kim Jong Un.

NJ END GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN OF STATE

3 New Jersey ended a partial government shutdown just in time for the Fourth of July holiday on Tuesday, helping New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie move past the embarrassment of being photographed on a beach that had been closed to the public. The state had suspended nonessential services for three days after failing to reach budget agreements. The Republican governor signed



the budget bill after late-night negotiations with state legislatures. New Jersey was one of nine states that had

missed their deadlines for enacting budgets in time for the July 1 start of the fiscal year.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

4 People wait to march in an Independence Day parade on Tuesday in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES



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MAN'S BODY FOUND FLOATING IN EAST RIVER

5 On Tuesday morning around 8:23 a.m. in the East River, a man's body was found floating near the end of East Sixth Street at the river's bank, CBS2 reported. The unidentified man was believed to be in his 40s. The body was discovered approximately 12 hours before the start of the annual Macy's Fourth of July Fireworks Show taking place along the East River, according to Pix11, which added that authorities have not made a



connection between the discovery of the body

and Jennifer Londono, a missing New Jersey resident whose leg and torso were believed to be recently found in the water around Manhattan. The medical examiner's office will investigate the discovery of the body on Tuesday morning to determine the cause of death, CBS2 added.

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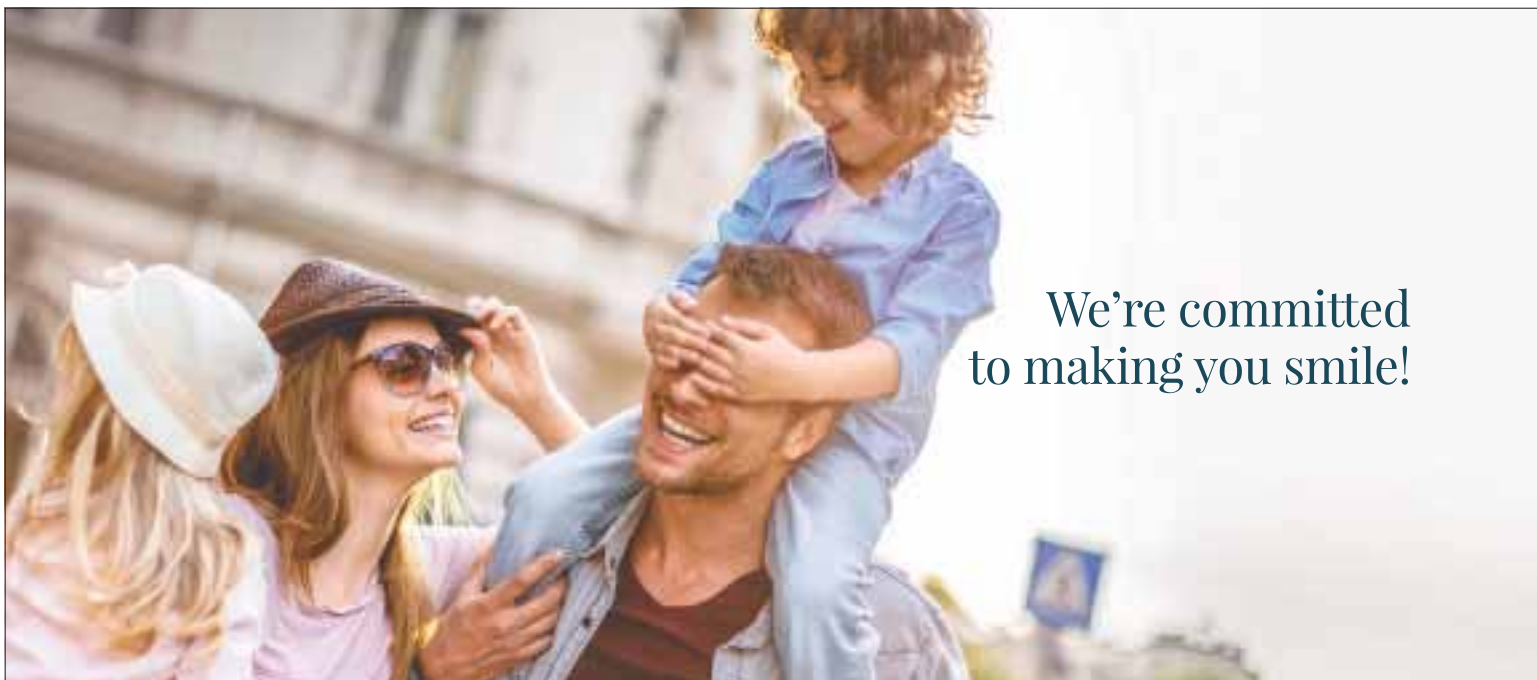
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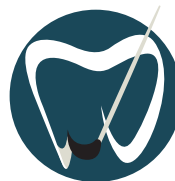
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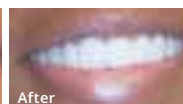
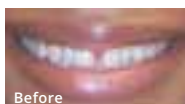
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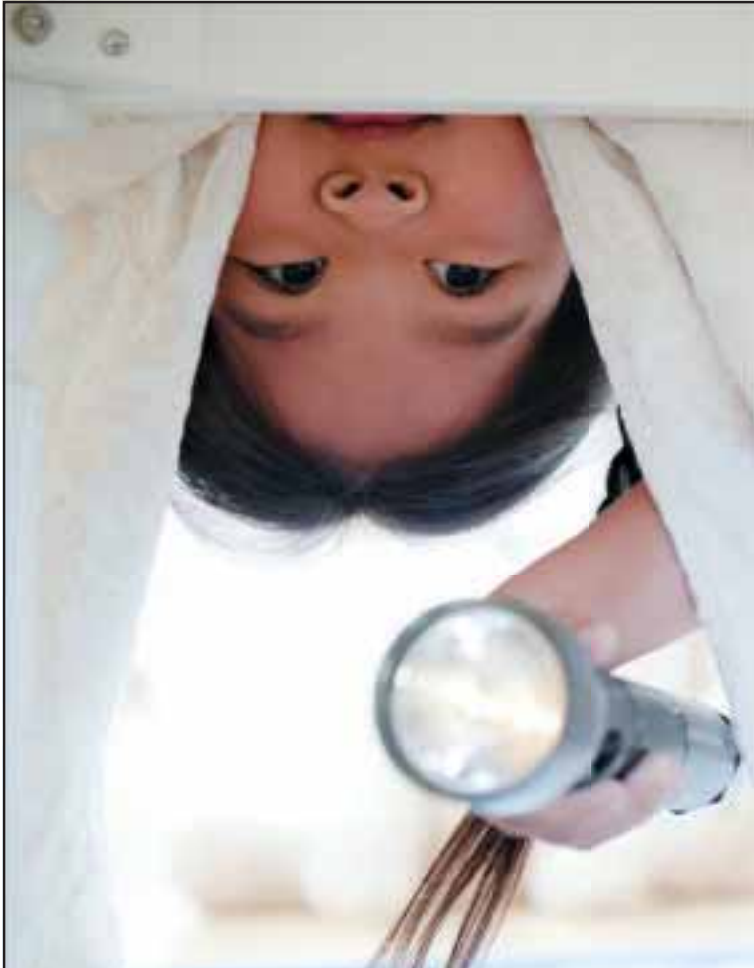


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If you weren't born here, you arguably might be a New Yorker if you are adept at "platforming," are on a first-name basis with your corner bodega staff and can survive the inevitable bedbug infestation.

Few things are as invasive and heebie-jeebie inducing as dealing with bedbugs. But thanks to companies like Bell Environmental and M&M Pest Control, there's at least a cute — and effective — silver bullet to fight the problem, as both employ bedbug-sniffing dogs.

And no, it's not a marketing ploy. A University of Florida study found that dogs are 98 percent accurate in detecting the parasitic insects, which is good news, as bedbug season is in full swing.

"Certified canine inspection is a lot more accurate than if someone comes in and looks," said Stephanie Kottgaard, senior customer service rep at M&M Pest Control in Long Island City. "That's because the canines can detect the scent of the viable bedbug eggs and the actual bedbugs in areas where a person might not

think to look or might easily miss, like inside electrical outlets."

M&M employs five canines, all beagle mixes like 9-year-old Dexter, who has worked exclusively with handler Herbie Yan for seven years. Both went through extensive certificate training through the J&K Canine Academy in Florida, and they continue to do so on an informal daily and formal twice-monthly basis.

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"I love working with canines, I grew up with dogs. Dexter is very affectionate — he's a very easy dog to work with," said Yan.

When Dexter detects bedbugs, he'll scratch, then sit and wait for Yan to do a visual confirmation. For his good sniffing, Dexter will be rewarded with a treat. His favorite? "Anything that's food," Yan said with a laugh.

No conversation about bedbug-sniffing dogs would be complete

without Roscoe, who is known throughout the New York metro region thanks to his "Where's Roscoe?" TV commercials for Bell Environmental.

The Fairfield, New Jersey-based company has employed canines since around 2009, director Jennifer Erdogan said. Roscoe was its first sniffer dog, and the 9-year-old rescue is one the company's four beagles. They also employ a beagle-hound mix and a Jack Russell. The six dogs sometimes go home with their handler but mostly reside in the company's kennel.

The dogs are certified annually through the World Detector Dog Organization and have twice-yearly training sessions with the Alabama-based Forensic and Scientific Training Investigations Center.

Motivation is key when it comes to picking a dog to train for bedbug sniffing. Erdogan said, but "any long-snouted dog would be an effective detection dog."

While dogs can get bit by bedbugs, "humans are their preferred host," Erdogan explained, especially since dogs usually wear repellent products like Frontline. "Bedbugs don't have the mouthparts to embed themselves like ticks do, and they don't have claw-like structures on their legs to hold onto hair, so they don't like all that hair."

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What do you say to Vladimir Putin?

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If not, you'd surely want to confront the Russian strongman on his illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory, his cynical support of the brutal Syrian regime and, especially, his campaign to alter the results of the 2016 presidential election in the United States. All are examples of abusive behavior by America's enemy number one.

But when Donald has his first-ever sit-down with Vladimir on Friday at the G-20 summit in Munich? You'd better not count on any of that tough stuff coming up.

Our president, quick to body slam anyone who displeases him, turns into Mister Softee whenever Moscow is mentioned. Since last fall, he's had big trouble admitting that Russia hacked our election — first denying it happened, then dismissing U.S. intelligence reports, then blaming the Chinese and or maybe “somebody sitting on their bed that weighs 400 pounds.” When two of Putin's closet Sergeys, Ambassador Kislyak and Foreign Minister Lavrov, dropped by the White House in May, all Trump could complain about was the “real nut job” he'd just fired as FBI

director for investigating the Russian hack.

Why would Trump end the Russian coddling on Friday afternoon? He won't.

We just learned yesterday that the face-to-face in Munich will be an “official bilateral meeting,” not an “informal pull-aside.”

It's hard to know how much of this Trump fully grasps, but such arcane distinctions actually matter in the world of international diplomacy. For almost two years, the Russians have been seeking a full-fledged, president-to-president sit-down. Barack Obama, who wasn't so cozy with Putin, demanded real concessions in exchange, perhaps a shift in Syria or a pullback in the Ukraine. When Putin didn't deliver, no formal meeting was held.

Well, those days are clearly done.

Now, Putin's getting his official meeting, and it didn't cost him a thing. What will the two men say on Friday? It's likely Putin will ask for the return of the Russian spy nests in Maryland and Long Island that Obama ordered seized after the election. Trump might even gently mention Ukraine and Syria.

What's almost impossible to imagine is this: Trump grilling his buddy Putin on how the Russians helped to pick the current U.S. president.

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Joey Chestnut competes in the 2017 Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island on Tuesday in Brooklyn. GETTY IMAGES

Hot dog contest, fireworks, beachgoing mark July Fourth holiday

Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest ended with a record-breaking number of frankfurters consumed.

Americans celebrated the July Fourth holiday on Tuesday with the reopening of a New Jersey beach closed to everyone but the governor after a government shutdown, a record-setting hot-dog eating contest and fireworks displays across the country.

Beachgoing, baseball and fireworks, Fourth of July traditions, were embraced throughout the country, along with family cookouts that favored hot dogs and hamburgers. An informal peace-and-love festival in an Oregon forest drew more than 13,000 people including two men who died of apparently natural causes. The United States commemorated the Declaration of Independence, adopted by the 13 American colonies on July 4, 1776. The document proclaims unalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

New Jersey and Maine ended partial government shutdowns just in time for the holiday.

A deal between Gov. Chris Christie and legislative leaders allowed New Jersey to reopen parks and beaches, including Island Beach State Park, where the Star-Ledger newspaper on Sunday captured photos of Christie with family and friends. The beach was otherwise deserted because of the shutdown, prompting a barrage of internet satires placing Christie in his beach chair at famous beach scenes from D-Day to the "Planet of the Apes."

An unapologetic Christie told reporters he would rejoin his family in the governor's residence at Island Beach State

Park once the budget was signed.

Major League Baseball had a full schedule of 15 games in mostly packed stadiums across the country. Another type of competition, rapid-fire eating contests, also took place nationwide, including one for hot dogs in Coney Island, Brooklyn, that was shown live on national television.

Joey Chestnut won his 10th Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest by downing a record 72 frankfurters in 10 minutes.

In Washington, Molly Schuyler defended her title by chowing down 21 Z-Burger hamburgers in 10 minutes, Washington's WTOP television reported.

More than 13,000 people gathered for an informal peace-and-love celebration in Oregon's Malheur National Forest, where two people died of nonviolent causes, a spokeswoman said.

Professing no leaders and no organization, the Rainbow Family Gathering marked July Fourth with "caretaking of mother earth, nonviolence and living a compassionate and loving life," according to a blog.

A 72-year-old man died on Monday and a 20-year-old man collapsed and died on Tuesday, forest spokeswoman Traci Weaver said.

A doctor administered cardiopulmonary resuscitation to the 20-year-old for 15 to 20 minutes but could not revive him, Weaver said.

There were 15 arrests, mostly for driving under the influence, drugs or disorderly conduct, in addition to 108 violations and 432 warnings.

Visitors were both rowdy and respectful, Weaver said, and the large crowd inevitably degraded the forest with trash, waste and trampling. REUTERS

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A man bounces on a trampoline at the 2017 Nathan's Famous International Hot Dog Eating Contest at Coney Island in Brooklyn. **GETTY IMAGES**



A stilt walker dressed as Uncle Sam marches in a parade to celebrate Independence Day in Washington, D.C. **GETTY IMAGES**

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Pressure builds on Trump at home over pledge for closer Moscow ties

Trump has signaled an interest in cooperating with Russia to defeat Islamic State in Syria and to reduce nuclear stockpiles.

During his presidential campaign, Donald Trump praised Russian President Vladimir Putin as a "strong leader" with whom he would like to reset tense U.S.-Russian relations.

But as Trump heads to his first face-to-face meeting as president with Putin on Friday at the G-20 summit in Germany, he is under pressure at home to take a tough line with the Kremlin.

Allegations of Russian meddling in last year's U.S. election have alarmed both Repub-

lican and Democratic lawmakers, who are pushing to extend tough sanctions placed on Russia following its 2014 annexation of Crimea, a peninsula belonging to Ukraine.

Lawmakers including Republican Sen. Cory Gardner are also concerned Russia has prolonged the civil war in Syria by backing its President Bashar al-Assad, a strongman whose forces have used chemical weapons against insurgents and civilians. The chaos has fueled instability in the region and a flood of migrants to Europe.

"President [Trump] needs to make it clear that the continued aggression by Russia around the globe ... is unacceptable, and that they will be held accountable," said Gard-

ner, who was among six lawmakers invited by the White House last month to discuss foreign policy with Trump over dinner.

Meanwhile, the appointment of a special counsel who is investigating potential links between the Russian government and members of the Trump campaign has weakened the president's ability to maneuver with Russia, foreign policy experts say.

The U.S. intelligence community has concluded Russia sponsored hacking of Demo-

cratic Party groups last year to benefit Trump over his Democratic challenger Hillary Clinton. Russia has denied those allegations while Trump has repeatedly dismissed the idea of any coordination be-

tween his campaign and Russia as a "witch hunt."

Still, just the optics of Trump meeting with Putin, a former KGB agent, are fraught with risk, foreign policy experts say.

"If [Trump] smiles, if he wraps his arm around Putin, if he says, 'I'm honored to meet you, we're going to find a way forward,' ... I think Congress is going to react extremely negatively to that," said Julie Smith, a former national security aide in the Obama ad-

ministration.

The White House has been mum on what Trump would be willing to give Russia in exchange for help defeating ISIS. But there has been speculation he could ratchet down sanctions, or even return two Russian diplomatic compounds in Maryland and Long Island. President Barack Obama seized those facilities and expelled 35 Russian diplomats just before he left office as punishment for the election hacks. **REUTERS**

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Mount Etna, in Sicily, is a test bed for the approximately 3-foot high, four-wheeled machine ahead of a future mission to the moon. It is being conducted by the German Aerospace Center, the agency which runs Germany's space program.

The program has enlisted experts from Germany, Britain, the United States and Italy to research ROBEX (Robotic Exploration of Extreme Environments) with the



Mount Etna GETTY IMAGES

aim of improving robotic equipment that will be used in space.

"This is aimed at simulating a future, hypothetical landing mission on the moon or Mars and they use a lot of robots which are there to transport and install different instruments," said Boris Behncke, a volcanologist from the National Vulcanology

Institute in Catania, near Mount Etna.

Scientists also hope to use the robots to explore the depths of Mount Etna and relay back useful technical data on seismic movement. The techniques learned on Etna would then be deployed in lunar missions or in the exploration of Mars.

An initial robotic testing phase has nearly been completed on the Piano del Lago area of the volcano, a desolate stretch of terrain buffeted by strong winds.

Next, a network of equipment including rover robots and drones will be mounted to monitor seismic activity that closely simulates that which would be used on the moon. REUTERS

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Why Knee Arthritis Sufferers Of Almost All Ages Are Opting For Newest Medical Procedures Before Surgery . . .

Fraction of the cost, minimal risk and little to no downtime amongst top reasons

By Matt Edgar

America's Health Writer

New York City - Everyone has said it at one time or another. If I had only known about "this" sooner - things would be very different today.

That's what many knee arthritis pain sufferers are saying about this technology and treatment.

*"We all know that countless lives are being saved every year because of early detection and better treatment" noted the clinic director at the **NY Pain MD** in New York City. "The same holds true for treating arthritis pain. I believe we are having so much success at **NY Pain MD** because of two factors: One is we are using advanced medical technology and treatments a lot of clinics do not use. And second, the word has spread to our community and so many knee arthritis sufferers are coming in sooner. And the earlier we can treat knee arthritis - the better the results. The key to trying to avoid knee replacement surgery is doing the correct treatment as soon as possible"*

What is the "correct treatment?"

"That depends," said the director. "There is no one answer when it comes to medical conditions. Knee arthritis is no different. That's why, if you have knee pain, you should have it evaluated by a doctor who deals with and treats knee pain every day," added the director.

For many knee arthritis pain sufferers the right treatment is Viscosupplementation whereby a preparation of Hyaluronic acid a gel-like FDA approved medicine is applied directly into the knee joint using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

Hyaluronic acid is the natural lubricant and shock absorber of your joints and is found to be decreased in arthritis sufferers. This is similar to running your car without oil. Obviously, the sooner you put oil back in the car - the less damage will be done. That's why some doctors feel early viscosupplementation gets the best results and is so important for avoiding surgery.

The director believes one of the most important factors for the success of viscosupplementation is making sure you are getting it into the joint space precisely. That's why the doctors at **NY Pain MD** use advanced imaging technology to apply *Precision Arthritis Targeting* during every treatment.

A device called the "C-Arm" allows the doctor to see into the joint and actually watch the medicine be applied exactly where it is supposed to. Research shows that performing procedures without Precision Arthritis Targeting (P.A.T.T.) can result in missing the joint space as much as 30% of the time. If you had viscosupplementation treatments without Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology and did not get good results - this may be why.



"If you have knee arthritis pain, viscosupplementation might be the answer you are looking for. The keys are not wait, get a good evaluation from an expert and make sure precision arthritis targeting is used to make sure you have the best chance for success."

Can This Be Avoided? Total knee replacement is serious surgery requiring months of rehabilitation. Some doctors think modern treatments done early enough can keep baby boomers from going under the knife.



Normal Pain-Free Knee Joint Everyone Wants Proof:

In the artist simulated drawings, picture #1 is a normal, pain-free knee. There is no arthritis and the knee can move and bend freely without pain.



Knee With Painful Arthritis Pain -

Illustration shown is a knee joint with painful xosteo-arthritis. Arthritis causes the joint space to decrease, grinding, stiffness, decreased motion, bone spurs, swelling and a lot of pain.



Research Shows Doctors Miss The Joint Space Up To 30% Of The Time Without Advanced Imaging Failed Treatment -

The injection (Lubrication medicine) misses the joint space. Research shows this occurs up to 30% of the time without the use of the digital imaging to guide the injection. This is why lubrication medicine may not have worked for you



Lubrication Medicine Injected Directly Into Knee Join Like "Joint Oil" using Precision Targeting Technology Successful Treatment -

Successful Treatment - Lubrication Medicine (blue) being precisely injected directly into the knee joint using digital imaging. Advance imaging allows treatments to be as precise as possible. Lubrication medicine can lubricate the joint and decrease pain.

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Hundreds of arthritis sufferers from tri state area calling weekly to find out if treatment is right for them. Often covered by insurance.

If you qualify for this treatment, it might be one of the happiest days of your life.

That's because, for the past year and a half, hundreds of knee pain sufferers have flocked to **NY Pain MD** New York City.

That's when their specially trained-doctors added cutting-edge arthritis treatments to their already successful comprehensive knee pain relief program.

Viscosupplementation is unique because - even though it is manufactured by a pharmaceutical company, it is NOT considered a drug because it is a natural substance with an incredible story.

Why So Many Want It

You see, when you suffer with arthritis - the lubricating fluid (synovial fluid) in your knee joint dries up.

This means instead of gliding smoothly - your bones start to rub and grind against each other.

This causes a little pain in the beginning - but over time the pain steadily gets worse until it is excruciating.

Like "Joint Oil"

Viscosupplementation works so well because it is like "joint oil." It is a natural substance that contains one of the natural building blocks of the synovial fluid that lubricates your knee.

Scientists and researchers discovered this natural building block to synovial fluid in the rooster's comb - that big red thing on top of the roosters head. It is extracted from the roosters comb, purified and concentrated. They have also developed medical lubricants that are also natural but made a bit like yogurt and "cultured" into highly effective arthritis pain-fighting medical lubricants.

When introduced directly into your knee joint, it is like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge.

Viscosupplementation allows your joints to glide more smoothly eliminating a lot of the rubbing, grinding and pain.

Can Supplements Do The Same Thing?

No. Glucosamine and chondroitin and other supplements are much different. You can only get this from a doctor and it often helps knee pain sufferers who got limited or no success from glucosamine and chondroitin. Beware of unsubstantiated claims made by supplements to do what this advanced medical procedure does.

Why You Should Try This Even If You've Already Had Similar Treatments Without Results...

"We have been able to help so many knee pain sufferers even many who have already tried other treatments like Synvisc, Supartz, Orthovisc and even Hyalgan. This is because our treating doctors always use "Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology". This allows us to place the Viscosupplementation exactly where it needs to be. Studies show doctors doing joint injections without technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time." noted the Director of Center

NY Pain MD is a state of the art medical facility offering nly the best technology.



Advanced Medical Technology Can Make All The Difference: This advanced Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology using fluoroscopic imaging allows doctors to see directly into the knee joint so treatments are precise and the FDA approved lubricating medicine actually goes EXACTLY where it is supposed to. Studies show that procedures done without this technology can miss the joint up to 30% of the time. This is one reason Viscosupplementation may not have worked for you in the past. **NY Pain MD** uses this P.A.T. Imaging Technology. with each and every treatment.

And that's not all :

"Every case is individual. Some patients get quite a bit of relief right away - others take a little more time. But most have been extremely happy. We've noted results lasting no less than 6 months for many but up to 2 years for some patients.. Patients who were suffering for years with bad knee pain are getting their lives back... going for walks again and exercising. It's amazing to see. They tell all their friends - that's why we are swarmed. After getting treatment and feeling better, many patients have decided to cancel their total knee replacement surgeries." added the director.

How To Find Out If It Can Help You?

If you have knee pain, the **NY Pain MD** doctors would like to invite you for a no-obligation screening to see if you are a candidate for their treatments using *Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology*.

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All you have to do is call 800-885-KNEE (5633) right now and when the scheduling specialist answers the phone tell her you would like your no obligation "Knee Pain Screening." The doctors at **NY Pain MD** can only accept a limited amount of new patients each month for this screening - so if you are interested please call now. Your no obligation screening will only take about 25-30 minutes... you will get all your questions answered and leave knowing if you have possibly found the solution to your knee pain.

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Jay-Z and Kanye are mad at each other

A few days ago, news broke that Kanye West had cut ties with the Jay-Z-helmed streaming service Tidal. Turns out? It's personal. TMZ claims that Jay wasn't too happy about the time Kanye went on a rant at one of his concerts, detailing Jay-Z's failures as a friend. Kanye was admitted to the hospital for mental health treatment soon after.

"Kanye was days away from going to a psych ward with some really serious mental issues," a source tells the site. "We get why he [Jay] was upset, but give Kanye a break."

But apparently, Jay-Z doesn't find the whole "mental health troubles" thing to be a very good excuse. In his song "Kill Jay Z," he basically says as much, saying of Kanye, "But if every-



Here are two grown-ups in the middle of a feud of ego! ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES UNLESS OTHERWISE

body's crazy, you're the one that's insane."

OK, but Jay-Z is 47 years old. He has three children.

Grow up, pal! Sort it out so we don't have to hear about this until the end of time.

J.Lo didn't know A-Rod was smart

Jennifer Lopez hasn't checked in with you in a while, so she just wants to make sure that you think her love for Alex Rodriguez is real.

The 47-year-old hustled herself over to "Extra" to talk about Rodriguez, because, love!

She didn't think Rodriguez was the brightest bulb in the old-timey inn, if you know



Jennifer Lopez is at it again.

what I mean. "I remember at one point in our relationship, I was like ... 'How did you get so smart? Weren't you, like, playing baseball for 25 years?'"

But to be clear, you guys don't know the real Alex Rodriguez. Only Lopez does.

"I think people are gonna really ... in the

next year or two, really get to see who this person really is, you know? I feel really lucky right now, so I'm excited about life, but I'm more excited for people to get to see who he really is."

You gotta give it to Lopez. She is really working this relationship for all the attention it's worth.



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Why Ed Sheeran quit Twitter

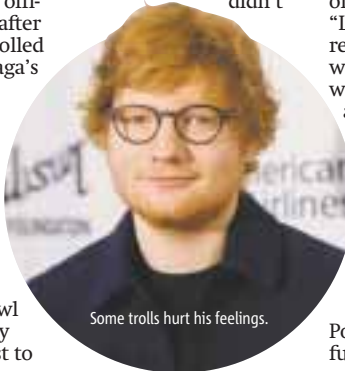
Were you the one of the 19.2 million people that appreciated Ed Sheeran's Twitter? Bad news, friends. He's officially quit the app after being impolitely trolled by some of Lady Gaga's fans. Rude!

According to E! News, fans of Lady Gaga have been trolling Sheeran ever since he gave an interview on Beats Radio 1 with Zane Lowe.

"I do not want to do the Super Bowl years later, after my biggest success, just to

prove I'm still relevant," he said. Burn! I think. It's unclear.

Anyway, Sheeran didn't



Some trolls hurt his feelings.

name names, exactly, but Gaga's fans took issue with his statements. And the "Shape of You" singer noticed. "Lady Gaga's fan base read an interview in which they assumed I was talking about her and ... it wasn't anything to do with that at all," he told The Sun. "So, I think Twitter gets on a massive steamroll of assuming things and then you get in the s—."

Oh, poor thing. Poor, rich, very successful thing.

Rumer Willis is sober now



Gotta admit, the lighting is great here. [INSTAGRAM @RUELARUE](https://www.instagram.com/ruelarue)

Rumer Willis — a woman primarily famous for being the eldest spawn of Demi Moore and Bruce Willis — has taken to her Instagram to share an important message: She's sober!

The 28-year-old one-time "Dancing with the Stars" contestant admitted to being six months sober via an Instagram post with really flattering lighting. You know, the kind that looks effortless, but you know baby girl spent like, a whole hour setting it up. "I

will be the first one to say I'm not perfect and I mess up sometimes and every once in a while [sic] I get it right but I wanted to share this because I am really proud of myself." Holy run-on sentence!

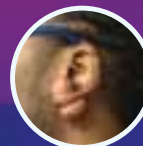
"Yesterday I celebrated 6 Months of Sobriety," she continued. "It's not something I planned on but after the long journey of getting here I can honestly say I have never been more proud of myself in my entire life." Good for you, Rumer.



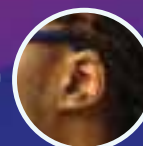
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Holly Hunter is all about some motherly love

The Oscar-winner gushes about playing Zoe Kazan's mom in "The Big Sick."



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Over her career, Holly Hunter has played plenty of anguished characters. Sometimes it's for laughs ("Raising Arizona"). Sometimes it's deadly serious ("The Piano," her Oscar-winning role). In "The Big Sick," it's both.

Hunter, 58, has always been drawn to playing people at their lowest ebb.

"Generally characters are in a certain amount of misery, because we are watching them. We are privy to their lives at a time of intense conflict. Movies tend to be about a not-great part of somebody's life," Hunter explains.

Even a very film as funny as "The Big Sick" — a nimble blend of comedy



Holly Hunter plays the mother of a comatose Zoe Kazan hanging with her new ex-boyfriend (Kumail Nanjiani) in "The Big Sick," now in theaters. NICOLE RIVELLI

and drama — is no exception. It's based on the life of its screenwriters, "Silicon Valley" star Kumail Nanjiani (who stars) and his wife, Emily V. Gordon, relating when she fell into a deep coma during their courtship.

"This is about a life in jeopardy, and what that traumatizing event brings out in all those people around her. That's why we watch," Hunter says.

At the same time,

Hunter gets to portray something very positive, very inspiring in "The Big Sick": Beth's daughter (played by Zoe Kazan) may spend most of the movie comatose, but it's clear they have a great, great relationship.

"For me, the opportunity was to portray this particular mother's love — but also her 'like.' She likes her daughter, because her daughter has allowed herself to be known by her mother,"

says Hunter.

Healthy mother-daughter relationships are rare



A movie for our times

A lot of the talk about "The Big Sick" has been about how timely it is, with a hero who's from Pakistan. To Hunter, "The Big Sick" isn't really story about immigrants. It's a story about these specific people.

"In the time we're living in, it's fantastic to have that be a spinoff conversation," Hunter says. But that's not why Nanjiani and Gordon wrote it. "They were trying to accurately document this really complicated event. It's an incidental thing; it's part of the DNA. But it's not the main thing."

in movies, she's found: "Usually it's strained, or it's two-dimensional or it's clichéd. It would be the overbearing mother and the suffocated daughter. Or they're strangers to each other."

Beth and her husband (Ray Romano) spend a lot of "The Big Sick" bonding with Nanjiani's character (also named Kumail). But their relationship is initially strained,

as Kumail had recently dumped Beth because he was scared to tell his traditional Pakistani parents he was dating a white girl.

"For me, it's like, he dumped her daughter. And he dumped her in an unceremonious, dishonest way," Hunter says. "He had not been straight with her about something that's fundamental, elemental to who he is, which is his heritage, who his parents are. This guy was dishonest with his own family; that's not a good start. It's like, 'Let's not go there, let's not do this with that guy.'"



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'Snowfall' is fine, albeit formulaic

"Snowfall" premieres on
Wed., July 5 at 10 p.m. on FX.
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There's no room in the Golden Age of TV for more of the same.



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Let's face it: Audiences find it hard to resist a good prestige drama. Violence? Check. Drugs? Most likely. Heart-wrenching familial drama? You got it. And now here's "Snowfall," an FX drama helmed by John Singleton, singlehandedly taking on the crack epidemic, told from the perspectives of a diverse bunch. How could it fail?

Set in 1983 Los Angeles, the story centers on four major characters: Franklin (Damson Idris), a young black upstart

seeking power, survival and success; Gustavo "El Oso" Zapata (Sergio Peris-Mencheta), a Mexican wrestler in the middle of one crime family's struggle for power; Teddy McDonald (Carter Hudson), a CIA operative with, of course, a dark past; and Lucia Villanueva, the daughter of a Mexican crime lord, eager to find her place in the booming business of cocaine.

There's no denying the premise is ambitious. And yet it's surprisingly dull.

Blame it on the details, too many details: machinations of wars fought abroad, the Iran-Contra affair, a pantsless Israeli crime boss with improbable connections with everyone, everything. It's easy to get lost in the bits

and pieces, and it's a feat to keep up.

"Snowfall" also veers dangerously close to the improbable. It's hard to believe that Franklin, a young man who starts the series chastising children for stealing ice cream, would take responsibility for bringing crack cocaine into his fragile neighborhood. Nothing in the first couple of episodes hints at how Franklin could so easily go from good to bad.

"Snowfall" is as formulaic as they come, and audiences that enjoy that sort of thing may love it. But in this era of peak television, there's not much room for a show that's essentially more of the same. We've seen this story before — it's time for something new.

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End is nigh for Watchtower sign

Iconic placard to come down after \$340M sale

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The iconic Watchtower sign, a glowing fixture over Brooklyn Heights, will soon disappear from the skyline.

In June, the Jehovah's Witnesses filed a permit application seeking to remove the 15-foot-tall letters from the roof of the organization's now-former headquarters.

The request comes nearly a year after developers Kushner Cos., CIM

Group and LIVWRK Holdings purchased the building at 25-30 Columbia Heights for \$340 million.

Removal of the letters will cost an estimated \$70,500, according to documents filed with the city's Department of Buildings. The sign's framework will remain in place, according to the application filed June 9.

The developers — who collectively go by Columbia Heights Associates — declined to comment. Representatives for the Jehovah's Witnesses didn't return messages seeking additional information on the sign's future.

The sign has hovered over Brooklyn Heights for nearly 50 years. The religious organization

purchased the building in 1969 from pharmaceutical giant E.R. Squibb & Sons. At the time, Squibb had its own sign on the roof.

The departure of what many have described as a Brooklyn landmark is not necessarily a surprise. When the new owners unveiled plans in May to convert the building into a 635,000-square-foot office complex — dubbed "Panorama" — renderings show some sort of sign but not the iconic letters. At the time, the Brooklyn Eagle speculated that one of the building's new tenants would secure the rights to put its own sign in the old one's place.

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The iconic Watchtower sign will soon be replaced. GETTY IMAGES



The building will open in July. PROVIDED

Forest Hills to get a 170-unit rental

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THE REAL DEAL

Slate Property Group is planning a 170-unit rental building on the site of a Key Food in

Queens' Forest Hills neighborhood, the firm told The Real Deal.

The Midtown East-based developer filed demolition permits last week for the one-story supermarket at 69-65 Yellowstone Blvd., which will be replaced by an 11-story, 230,000-square-

foot structure. The new building is expected to hold nearly 40,000 square feet of retail, across the ground floor and lower level.

The building, to be designed by Aufgang Architects, is slated to be finished by 2020.

MARK MAURER



From left: Slate property partners Martin Nussbaum and David Schwartz; and 69-65 Yellowstone Blvd. COURTESY OF THE REAL DEAL

Co-living firm Common expands to Queens

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THE REAL DEAL

Co-living company Common is chasing the moneyed manbuns to Ridgewood, Queens.

The firm will open its first co-living space in the borough at 1663 Cornelia St. The building, scheduled to open in July, will feature 18

co-living bedrooms with prices starting at \$1,700 per month and going up to about \$2,000 per month. Amenities will include community space, a backyard and a rooftop along with the services typical of Common properties: weekly cleanings, furnished suites, and in-suite washers and dryers.

Company founder and CEO Brad Hargreaves said Ridgewood's restaurant and bar

scene, along with its easy access to transit and proximity to Brooklyn, made it an appealing neighborhood to establish its Queens foothold.

"We have a rapidly growing community in Brooklyn," he said, "and we're right across the border in Queens with our Cornelia project."

This will be Common's eighth building in New York City and 11th project in total. EDDIE SMALL

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The Knicks need to get a good return on a Carmelo Anthony unloading. GETTY IMAGES

Why the Knicks should not trade Anthony to where he wants to go

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The Knicks need to focus on getting the best possible return for their aging star.



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ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski reported on Monday morning that Knicks star Carmelo Anthony would be willing to waive his no-trade clause.

Big news, right? Yes. But there's a catch. Anthony would be willing to move if he was dealt to either the Cleveland Cavaliers or the Houston Rockets.

The Rockets, whom Anthony has been linked with over the last week, have quickly become a force to be reckoned with in the Western Conference, on paper at least, after acquiring Chris Paul from the Los Angeles Clippers.

In the East, the Cavaliers remain the team to beat considering the rest of the conference has done little to better themselves.

So it's easy to see why Anthony would want to go to either of

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CARMELO ANTHONY HAS ALREADY SCORED ENOUGH POINTS IN THE NBA OVER HIS 15 NBA SEASONS THAT HE RANKS 25TH ALL TIME IN THAT CATEGORY, AHEAD OF MANY NBA ALL-TIME GREATS.

those teams as his odds of competing in the NBA Finals would jump exponentially compared to staying in New York.

There's only one problem: Neither of those teams has pieces that the Knicks should want.

Houston dealt seven players and a first-round draft pick for Paul and one of their best remaining players they would trade, power forward Ryan Anderson, is owed \$61.3 million over the next three seasons. That's a big contract to take after possibly shedding the \$54 million Anthony would make over the next two years. On top of that, Anderson is a player that provides mediocre defense and averaged just 13.6 points per game last season.

With Cleveland, the

only suitable return the Knicks could get for Anthony would be Kevin Love. Both he and Anderson don't address much of a need for the Knicks considering Kristaps Porzingis is the power forward of the future. It also makes little sense to move Porzingis to center if Willy Hernangomez continues developing during his second NBA season should the Knicks acquire either of those players.

The best move for the Knicks?

I still think it's the Boston Celtics. If Anthony could be dealt for a first-round draft pick and Jae Crowder, a small forward who can defend the perimeter, it's a no-brainer. Obviously, it's all up to Anthony on whether he'll waive that NTC or not.

What might Mets roster look like in 2018?

Expect the Mets to make some big changes within the next year.



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It's been a season to forget for the Mets, who are languishing under .500 as the All-Star break approaches. They are far back in the playoff hunt, and GM Sandy Alderson has declared his team to be "open for business," meaning some big names could be on the move at the end of the month. Here's an early look at how next year's roster might shape up after a potential housecleaning.

Rotation: Noah Syndergaard, Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz, Matt Harvey, Seth Lugo, Zack Wheeler

The Mets probably won't deal away a starter, and the upcoming market for starting pitchers

looks fairly thin (Jake Arrieta being the lone standout). The Mets' philosophy under Alderson has been to build their rotation from within, so it seems improbable that they'd make a splash for someone like Jeremy Hellickson or Jason Vargas. Injuries and a (overtly but not officially) juiced ball have made the Mets' starters look much worse than they really are. Remember, this unit played a substantial part in the Mets' 2015 postseason run.

Bullpen: Joe Smith, Jeurys Familia, Jerry Blevins, Robert Gsellman, et al.

It's often said that the most superfluous player on a bad team is a good closer, so that makes Addison Reed a trade candidate as his contract is due to expire. He could be dealt away as a rental before returning, ala Aroldis Chapman, but the Mets are usually hesitant to shell out lucrative contracts to relief

pitchers.

Former Met Joe Smith could be available in a potentially crowded market for relievers, which may drive his asking price down. He was having a fantastic year for the Blue Jays as the set-up man (3.41 ERA in 31.2 IP) until a shoulder injury sent him to the DL on June 19.

Infield: Dominic Smith, Amed Rosario, Neil Walker, Yunel Escobar

The Mets' infield could see a drastic overhaul, as Asdrubal Cabrera, Neil Walker, Lucas Duda and Jose Reyes have expiring contracts. With all four showing varying degrees of age catching up to them, it could be an opportune time for the Mets to get younger. Shortstop Amed Rosario and first baseman Dominic Smith are among the top prospects in the organization, and they should get a chance to shine in 2018. Both are hitting well in Triple-A



Don't be surprised if the Mets' top prospects ascend to a starring role with the offense next season. GETTY IMAGES

Las Vegas this year.

Yunel Escobar could be a relatively inexpensive open-market pickup. He's playing well in a contract year (.289/.350/.415) and the Mets were rumored to be interested in the Angels' third baseman at last year's deadline.

Neil Walker might be the lone holdover, as there were talks regarding an extension before the 2017 season began. Wilmer Flores and T.J. Rivera add some much-needed depth to the

roster.

Outfield: Yoenis Cespedes, Michael Conforto, Lorenzo Cain

Curtis Granderson and Jay Bruce are prime candidates to be dealt away for prospects at the deadline. If the Mets were to make a splash in the offseason, Lorenzo Cain would be an inspired choice and an upgrade over Juan Lagares in center. Yoenis Cespedes and Michael Conforto, the best pair of bats in the order, would occupy the

corner spots.

Catcher: Rene Rivera

The Mets would be wise to move on from the injury-prone and defensively challenged Travis d'Arnaud. Rene Rivera has been a serviceable backstop and deserves consideration as the everyday catcher in 2018. He would hold the line until highly touted prospect Tomas Nido, currently in Double-A, is ready for a call-up. Kevin Plawecki should make the team as a backup.

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Across

- 1 Had a bug
- 6 Political group
- 10 Rip off
- 14 Abbot's second-in-command
- 15 Ugh!
- 16 Dappled horse
- 17 Redhead's dye
- 18 Londoner's farewell (hyph.)
- 19 As to (2 wds.)
- 20 Not Dem. or Rep.
- 21 Exclusive right to decide
- 24 Stuns with noise
- 26 Mischief-maker
- 27 Kind of agent
- 28 Yves' eve
- 30 Suitably
- 33 Nib
- 38 Cad
- 39 Puts up with
- 41 Tooth problem
- 42 Cotton and wool
- 44 Facility
- 45 Still
- 46 Whopper
- 47 Lone Star nine
- 51 Activities outlines
- 55 Punctuation marks
- 58 Fuse word
- 59 Terrible czar
- 60 Counting rhyme starter
- 61 More docile

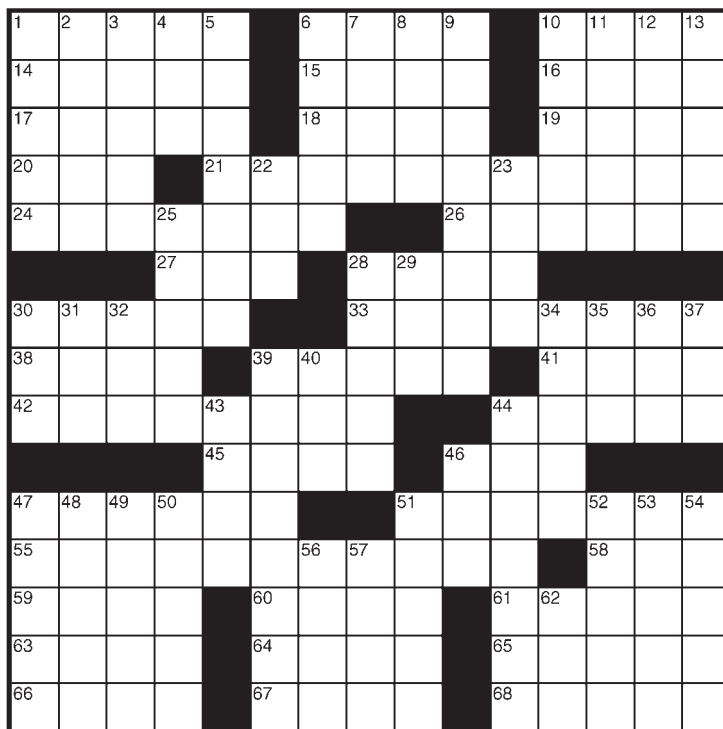
- 63 Knot
- 64 "Big Mouth" Martha
- 65 Solitary
- 66 Developed
- 67 GNP or RBI
- 68 Perceive

Down

- 1 Orchard pest
- 2 "The Forsyte Saga" heroine
- 3 Actress -- Hunt
- 4 Geological period
- 5 Window covering
- 6 Data storage units

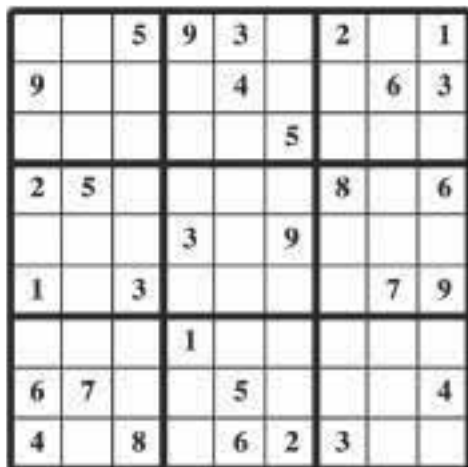
- 7 Nonsense verse writer
- 8 Prefix for pod
- 9 Mortifies
- 10 Londoners
- 11 Column type
- 12 Cocoon dweller
- 13 Genuflect
- 22 Med. personnel
- 23 Seniors' PAC
- 25 -- mignon
- 28 Charley horse
- 29 Above, to a bard
- 30 Louvre display
- 31 "The Raven" poet
- 32 Wedding rental
- 34 Bucket of song
- 35 Here, to Pierre
- 36 Stanley Cup org.
- 37 Util. bill
- 39 Sci-fi weapons
- 40 Sushi morsel
- 43 Mouse target?
- 44 Brief snoozes
- 46 Size above med.
- 47 Imitating
- 48 Relish
- 49 Commerce
- 50 Freshen
- 51 Up till now (2 wds.)
- 52 Writer -- Runyon
- 53 Prayer finales
- 54 Buying frenzy
- 56 Spiciness
- 57 "Watermark" chanteuse
- 62 Pub pint

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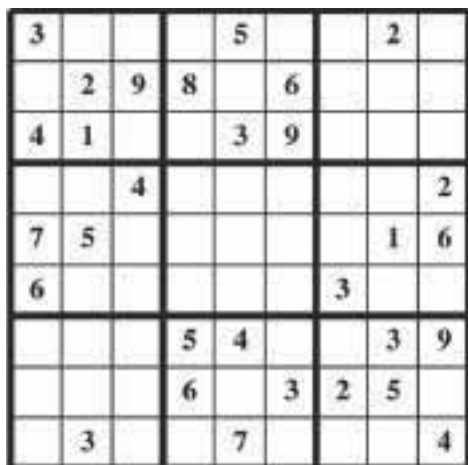


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easy



hard



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Aries Home improvements can be made, as long as you have the required budget. Don't go into debt trying to keep up with your social group. Self-improvement is favored.



Taurus Do something to boost your morale or update your appearance. Discuss personal matters with a loved one to find a way to improve your lifestyle and relationship.



Gemini Express your feelings and find out where you stand. Romance will improve your life and give you the confidence to make changes to your living arrangements.



Cancer Good fortune awaits if you are willing to do things a little differently. Don't rule out partnering with someone who comes from a background quite unlike your own.



Leo Take part in activities and events that are geared toward positive change, personal gains and physical improvements. Try to keep up with the latest trends.



Virgo Emotions will mess with your ability to get things done. Stay focused and do your best to resolve unfinished business so that you can move forward.



Libra Take a serious look at your choices in order to discover a way to build greater prosperity by collaborating with someone who can provide any skill you are lacking.



Scorpio Be frank about things that have happened in the past that don't sit well with you. The only way to bring about positive change is to address your concerns.



Sagittarius If you cannot bring yourself to be honest about your feelings, don't say anything at all. Empty promises will lead to a bad reputation and will upset your plans.



Capricorn Children, a friend or loved one will raise emotional questions. Listen to what's being revealed, but don't take what you hear as being the gospel truth.



Aquarius Your desire to be a humanitarian can lead to trouble. Find out if someone is playing you or has legitimate grievances before you offer them assistance or money.



Pisces Emotional matters will escalate if you or someone you are dealing with uses manipulative tactics. Stick to the truth and be articulate about your objectives. EUGENIA LAST

Yesterday's answers

FETISH	NEE	DOWN
LEANTO	APR	ECHO
ALOHAS	RIM	CHER
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CANE	HAW	RYE
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MICHAEL	DER	GNU
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